

House Resolution 270

By: Representatives Dickerson of the 113th and Kendrick of the 93rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Earle H. Ifill on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Earle H. Ifill has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Ifill presently serves as the Presiding Elder of the Atlanta East
7 District of the Atlanta North-Georgia Annual Conference, which comprises 26 churches; and

8 WHEREAS, his vision, direction, and service have helped the Atlanta North-Georgia Annual
9 Conference of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church grow
10 in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a
11 spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

12 WHEREAS, before coming to Georgia, he served in and pastored churches in Massachusetts
13 and Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, he has been recognized as the Presiding Elder of the Year by the Atlanta
15 North-Georgia Annual Conference and as the 2018 Sixth Episcopal Presiding Elder of the
16 Year; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Ifill is a past president of the A.M.E. Ministers Union of Atlanta and
18 Vicinity, a member of the Barbados Association of Atlanta and Vicinity, and a member of
19 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Concerned
20 Black Clergy (CBC) of Atlanta; and

21 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
22 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
23 humanitarian, Reverend Ifill serves as a shining example of God's righteous path and has
24 shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly reflective of divine guidance; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
26 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
27 on behalf of persons in need.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Earle H. Ifill for his career of
30 service, congratulate him on the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend best wishes for
31 many more years of love and joy.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Reverend Earle H. Ifill.